

IN THE CLAIMS

The current claims for this application are listed below.

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the method comprising:

displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position;

moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and

displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position;

displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object;

displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret; and

visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 [[23]], further comprising removing the selected text at the source location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

28. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium storing instructions, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform a method for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the method comprising:

displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position;

moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and

displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position;

displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object;

displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret; and

visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

29. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 [[31]], wherein the method further comprises removing the selected text at the source

location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

33. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the method further comprises visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

34. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

35. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

36. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing visual feedback to a computer user while manipulating texts displayed on a display device of a computer system, the apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by a control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in a second position;

means for moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position; and

means for displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in a first position;

means for displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object;

means for displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret; and

means for visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein during moving the text object from the source location to the destination location, the selected text is deemphasized while the text object is emphasized.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 36 ~~[[39]]~~, further comprising means for removing the selected text at the source location after the visually zooming is completed and the selected text is displayed at the destination location.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising means for visually snapping the text object to the visible symbol when the visible symbol is positioned near the selected text of the source location and when the button of the control device is in the second position.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a first shape when the visible symbol is positioned within a proximity of the selected text of the source location, indicating that the text object can be created and snapped to the visible symbol.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the visible symbol is displayed in a second shape when the visible symbol is positioned outside of a proximity of the selected text of the source location.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a processor;

a control device including a button having a first position and a second position; and

a memory for storing instructions, which when executed from the memory, cause the processor to perform a method, the method including

displaying a text object representing selected text when a visible symbol controlled by the control device is positioned near the selected text at a source location of a first window and when a button of the control device is in the second position,

moving the text object following the visible symbol from the source location of the first window to a destination location of a second window while the button of the control device is the second position, and

displaying the selected text at the second location of the second window identified via an insertion caret when the button of the control device is in the first position

displaying a first bounding rectangle for the selected text of the source location in response to displaying the text object;

displaying a second bounding rectangle for the selected text of the destination location identified by the insertion caret; and

visually zooming at least a portion of the selected text from the first bounding rectangle of the source location to the second bounding rectangle of the destination location when the button of the control device is in the first position.